

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 20, as follows:

Further included in the memory hub 200 is a DMA engine 286 coupled to the switch 260 through a bus 288. The DMA engine 286 enables the memory hub 200 to move blocks of data from one location in the system memory to another location in the system memory without intervention from the processor 104. The bus 288 includes a plurality of conventional bus lines and signal lines, such as address, control, data busses, and the like, for handling data transfers in the system memory. Conventional DMA operations well known by those ordinarily skilled in the art can be implemented by the DMA engine 286. A more detailed description of a suitable DMA engine can be found in commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, No. 10/625,132, entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DIRECT MEMORY ACCESS IN A HUB-BASED MEMORY SYSTEM, filed on _____, on July 22, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference. As described in more detail in the aforementioned patent application, the DMA engine 286 is able to read a link list in the system memory to execute the DMA memory operations without processor intervention, thus, freeing the processor 104 and the bandwidth limited system bus from executing the memory operations. The DMA engine 286 can also include circuitry to accommodate DMA operations on multiple channels, for example, for each of the system memory devices 240a-d. Such multiple channel DMA engines are well known in the art and can be implemented using conventional technologies.